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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SREF, CG
SUBJECT: STAFFING OF UNHCR - ZAIRE

REF: KINSHASA 7040

1. ACTING UNHCR REP WOODWARD HAS RECEIVED WORD THAT NOEL WILL SHORTLY BE RETURNING TO KINSHASA FOLLOWING EXTENDED SICK LEAVE IN GENEVA. WHILE NOT SURE, WOODWARD HAS THE IMPRESSION NOEL WILL RESUME HIS POSITION AS PERMANENT HEAD OF UNHCR MISSION IN ZAIRE.

2. ADDRESSEES ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE LONG HISTORY OF TROUBLE BOTH THIS MISSION AND AMERICAN VOLAGS HAVE HAD WITH NOEL. HIS OBSTRUCTIVE TACTICS AND GENERAL FAILURE TO COOPERATE HAVE SEVERELY IMPEDED EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH PRESSING NEEDS OF THE CABINDAN REFUGEES. WHILE IN RECENT MONTHS THE UNHCR HERE HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT MORE RESPONSIVE, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF US PRESSURE, OUR EXPERIENCE WITH NOEL HAS BEEN TOO LONG AND PAINFUL TO GIVE ME ANY CONFIDENCE THAT THE UNHCR HERE WILL DO ALL IT SHOULD FOR THE CABINDANS SO LONG AS NOEL IS IN CHARGE. THIS QUESTION OF LEADERSHIP IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT IF, AS WOODWARD HAS TOLD ME (REFTEL), THE UNHCR'S PROGRAM AND BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR CABINDAN REFUGEES ARE TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDED.

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3. I REALIZE THE SENSITIVITY OF SUCH PERSONNEL MATTERS AND THERE MAY BE NOTHING THE USG CAN OR SHOULD DO IN NOEL'S CASE. ON THE OTHER HAND, OUR LEGITIMATE INTERESTS WOULD SEEM TO BE SUFFICIENTLY INVOLVED TO WARRANT DOING WHAT WE CAN TO ASSURE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM. IF DEPARTMENT AGREES, SUGGEST GENEVA BE ASKED TO DETERMINE NOEL'S STATUS AND TO MAKE WHATEVER OTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO UNHCR THAT DEPARTMENT

CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.
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